

Help a loved one get extra help with their prescription medication costs!

Social Security and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services are working together to provide extra help for prescription drug costs. You can apply on behalf of a loved one. To qualify, they must have:

- Income limited to \$15,315 for an individual or \$20,535 for a married couple living together. Even if their annual income is higher, your loved ones still may be able to get some help with monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payments. Some examples where income may be higher include if they or their spouse support other family members who live with them, or have earnings from work.
- Resources limited to \$11,710 for an individual or \$23,410 for a married couple living together. Resources include such things as bank accounts, stocks and bonds. The house and car are not counted as resources.

Prepare for the application by asking your loved ones to:

- Identify the things they own alone, with their spouse or with someone else. They should not include their home, vehicles, burial plots or personal possessions.
- Review all their income.
- Gather their financial records in advance to save time.

Such records would include:

- Statements that show their account balances at banks, credit unions or other financial institutions;
- Investment statements;
- Life insurance policy statements;
- Stock certificates;
- Tax returns;
- Pension award letters; and
- Payroll slips.

The application is available online at: <https://s044a90.ssa.gov/apps6z/i1020/main.html>. To apply by phone or to request a paper copy, call Social Security at **1-800-772-1213** and ask for the *Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs*. For more information, call **1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)** or visit www.medicare.gov.